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FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

As I prepare to retire on September 1st, it is interesting to reflect back on 34 years and highlight the changes in NOAA and how the NOAA Corps has continued through all this change to make important contributions to NOAA and the Nation.

I am the last active duty officer to have joined the Commissioned Corps of the Environmental Science Services Administration (USESSA Corps). ESSA, formed in 1966, was the first step in the "bureau conglomeration" that led in October of 1970 to the formation of NOAA, a further conglomeration of programs recommended by the Stratton Commission. During NOAA's first 30 years, its programs and services resisted numerous attempts to "corporatize." For the most part, this resistance was the result of the momentum created by long histories of independent existence and name recognition that these line offices enjoyed before NOAA was created. Organizations such as the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, and the U.S. Weather Bureau were well established and known for many decades with long-standing cultures of their own. In addition, the support of Congress for NOAA programs over the years has often resulted in budget earmarks and oversight that have had the side effect of maintaining the separate identity of the various line offices.

During the past two and one-half years, Vice Admiral Lautenbacher and his leadership team have implemented a sea change in the way NOAA operates. New business processes, protocols, and procedures have created a NOAA that becomes more corporate and unified every day. Major decisions across NOAA now involve, on a routine basis, the entire NOAA leadership team. Planning and programming are no longer "line office centric," but are organized around NOAA's strategic goals. This results in an annual NOAA program plan that the line offices have a responsibility to implement. These processes are creating a profound transformation in the way NOAA does business and significant benefit is already being realized. Vice Admiral Lautenbacher sees the NOAA Corps as corporate by definition. We serve across all of the NOAA components and can cross pollinate experiences and best practices. Clearly this is one of the important strengths of the NOAA Corps, and we should be leaders in making NOAA a true corporation. I am sure all of us can identify experiences during our careers where we have made contributions that served to better integrate NOAA activities.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (continued)

Over the years, I have seen our fleet of ships and aircraft be new, be old, and then be new again. Support for the NOAA Commissioned Corps has been strong, neutral, extremely negative, and now as strong as it has ever been. We survived the frontal assault on our very existence in the mid-1990's because of strong leadership from Rear Admiral Bill Stubblefield, the advocacy of NOAA Corps wives and families and retired officers, and finally, by continuing to do our jobs well. In particular, we provided support in the aftermath of a number of national tragedies with such professionalism and technical expertise that it caused the political system to question the rationale for our elimination. We were strengthened by the experience.

Today, Rear Admirals DeBow and Behn stand at the ready to lead NMAO and the NOAA Corps into the future. They bring great talent and energy to their new responsibilities, and I am confident that they will do an outstanding job. The future is bright.

For me, it has been an honor and privilege to serve with you all.

FINAL PRINTED COPY OF NOAA CORPS BULLETIN

This will be the final paper based copy of the NOAA Corps Bulletin mailed to shore based personnel. Shore based personnel may read subsequent Bulletins by accessing the website <http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/bullindex.html>. We will continue to mail paper copies to our vessels.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

All officers are reminded of the requirement to maintain updated biographies in their OPF's. The Commissioned Personnel Center is often asked to provide current biographical information to senior NOAA leadership, NOAA Public Affairs, and other Government officials. It is in your best interest to ensure that your biographies include accurate information on assignments, awards and recognitions, education, and notable accomplishments. Failure to do so will result in the release of outdated or inaccurate information. Original biographies and updates may be mailed or e-mailed to Directorcpc@noaa.gov.

RETIRED OFFICERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Captain David J. Tennesen, NOAA (Ret.)

Captain David J. Tennesen retired on May 1, 2004, with 30 years and 19 days of active service.

Captain Tennesen graduated from the University of Washington, December 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology. He received a Master of Science Degree from National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces in June 1996.

Captain Tennesen was appointed to the NOAA Corps on April 14, 1974, under the instruction of the 47th Basic Officer Training Class. He completed one sea assignment as junior officer on the NOAA Ship DAVIDSON. Upon completion of his initial sea duty assignment, he attended flight school. His distinguished aviation career included assignment as Chief of Party, Aircraft Commander, and Mission Commander, NOS Office of Aeronautical Charting & Cartography, NOS, Office of Marine Surveys and Maps, and NWS Airborne Gamma Snow Survey Program.

RETIRED OFFICERS' BIOGRAPHIES (continued)

Captain David J. Tennesen, NOAA (Ret.) (continued)

Captain Tennesen transferred to U.S. Navy's Oceanographic Development Squadron Eight where he qualified as a Naval P-3 Aircraft Commander and served as Assistant Maintenance Officer. He served as Chief, AOC, maintenance division; Aircraft Commander for the NOAA WP-3D Orion Research Aircraft; Program Coordinator, Aviation, NC; Program Services Division, Chief, AOC Training Division. Prior to his retirement, Captain Tennesen served a Senior Aviator, NMAO, AOC.

Captain Tennesen resides in Tampa, Florida, with his wife Susan and their twin sons, Eric and Marc.

Commander Peter J. Celone, NOAA (Ret.)

Commander Peter J. Celone retired on May 1, 2004, with 24 years, 6 months, and 19 days of active service.

Commander Celone graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Resource Development in December 1978. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Technology Management from the University of Maryland in May 1995.

Commander Celone was appointed to the NOAA Corps on October 12, 1979, under the instruction of the 66th Basic Officer Training Class. His sea tours included Junior Officer on board the NOAA Ships RESEARCHER and TOWNSEND CROMWELL; Executive Officer and Commanding Officer on the NOAA SHIP ALBATROSS IV. His shore assignments included Satellite Oceanographer, NMFS, Atlantic Environmental Group, Ocean Services Program Coordinator, NWS, Pacific Region and Assistant Director, NESDIS, Office of Satellite Operations. Prior to his retirement, Commander Celone served in a rotational assignment as Commanding Officer on the NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV and Deputy Director, NMFS, Large Marine Ecosystems Program, Narragansett Laboratory.

Commander Celone resides in Tiverton, Rhode Island with his wife Christine. He has two sons, Michael and Nicholas and a daughter, Sarah.

Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Lemon, NOAA (Ret.)

Lieutenant Commander Michael P. Lemon retired on May 1, 2004, with 21 years, 9 months, and 19 days of active service.

After a 4-year enlisted tour in the U.S. Coast Guard, including a 2-year deployment on the icebreaker USCG GLACIER, Lieutenant Commander Lemon graduated from Humbolt State University, August 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Oceanography. He also received a Master of Science degree in Physical Oceanography from the Naval Postgraduate School in September 1997.

Lieutenant Commander Lemon was appointed to the NOAA Corps on September 15, 1986, under the instruction of the 81st Basic Officer Training Class. His sea tours included Junior Officer on the NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER; Operations Officer on the NOAA Ships ALBATROSS IV and MILLER FREEMAN; Executive Officer and Acting Commanding Officer on the NOAA SHIP MILLER FREEMAN. His shore assignments included Assistant MIS Coordinator, NOS, PMC; Oceanographer, OAR, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory; Mooring Operations Officer; Deputy Division Leader and Operations Manager, OAR Environmental Research Laboratory; Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory; Executive Officer, NMFS, Northwest Fisheries Science Center. Prior to his retirement, Lieutenant Commander Lemon served as Operations Manager, NOAA Dive Program.

Lieutenant Commander Lemon resides in Seattle, Washington, with his wife Maryann and their two sons, Kyle and Elias.

BILLET LIST

Attached to this Bulletin is a current NOAA Corps Billet List. The list has been updated from PCS orders received by CPC through August 1, 2004.

I. APPROVED ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Captain

McLean, Craig N. from OAR, Office of Ocean Exploration to NOS, Office of the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, Silver Spring, Maryland as Executive Officer (Billet #7000, July 2004).

Commander

None.

Lieutenant Commander

Adler, John J. from NMAO, Aircraft Operations Center to NESDIS, NPOESS Integrated Program, Silver Spring, Maryland, as Program Manager IPO (Billet #6005, January 2005).

Hilton, Alan C. from NMAO, NOAA Ship KA'IMIMOANA to NOS, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Marine Sanctuaries Division, Honolulu, Hawaii, as Pacific Islands Region Operations Officer (Billet #7680, May 2005).

Lieutenant

Pica, Joseph A. from NMAO, NOAA Ship GORDON GUNTER to NOAA Under Secretary, Program Coordination Office, Washington, D.C., as NMAO PCO Staff Assistant (Billet #9312, May 2005).

Lieutenant (junior grade)

Cabana, Nicole M. from NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center to NMAO, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Spring, Maryland, as Staff Assistant (Billet #0036, September 2004). Follow on assignment to NMAO, Aircraft Operations Center, Operations Division, Vero Beach, Florida, for initial flight training (Billet #1103, September 2005).

Van Waes, Mark from NMAO, NOAA Ship RAINIER to NMAO Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER, Ketchikan, Alaska as 4th Officer (Billet #0920, June 2004).

Van Waes, Mark from NMAO, NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER to NOS, Office of Coast Survey, Hydrographic Systems and Technology Programs, Seattle, Washington as Pacific Field Support Liaison (Billet #7236, March 2005).

Ensign

Archer, Bernerd R. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship DAVID STARR JORDAN, San Diego, California as Junior Officer (Billet #0989, June 2004)

I. APPROVED ASSIGNMENT CHANGES (continued)

Ensign (continued)

Barry, Stephen P. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship McARTHUR II, Seattle, Washington as Junior Officer (Billet #0975, June 2004).

Blankenship, Mark A. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship RUDE, Norfolk, Virginia as Junior Officer (Billet #0779, June 2004).

Davis, Natasha R. from NMAO, NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN to NMFS, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, Miami, Florida, as Florida Bay Operations Officer (Billet #2550, January 2005).

Halbach, Andrew P. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship RAINIER, Seattle, Washington as Junior Officer (Billet #0942, June 2004).

Higgins, Abigail S. from NMAO, NOAA Ship RAINIER to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER, Ketchikan, Alaska as Junior Officer (Billet #0921, June 2004).

Jones, Sarah K. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship HI'IALAKAI, Honolulu, Hawaii as Junior Officer (Billet #0903, June 2004).

Little, Colin D. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship OREGON II, Pascagoula, Mississippi as Junior Officer (Billet #0744, June 2004).

Matheson, Fionna J. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship KA'IMIMOANA, Honolulu, Hawaii as Junior Officer (Billet #0949, June 2004).

Murphy, Patrick L. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV, Woods Hole, Massachusetts as Junior Officer (Billet #0753, June 2004).

Nguyen, Tri M. from NMAO, NOAA Ship OSCAR ELTON SETTE to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER, Ketchikan, Alaska as Junior Officer (Billet #0923, July 2004).

Priester, Nathan S. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship DELAWARE II, Woods Hole, Massachusetts as Junior Officer (Billet #0761, June 2004).

Ringel, Matthew R. from NMAO, NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON to OAR, Space Environmental Center, Space Weather Operations Division, Boulder, Colorado, as Space Environmental Forecaster (Billet #3460, January 2005).

Salisbury, Timothy D. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON, Norfolk, Virginia as Junior Officer (Billet #0735, June 2004).

Samuelson, Nicola from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship RAINIER, Seattle, Washington as Junior Officer (Billet #0939, June 2004).

Sniffen, Benjamin S. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship OSCAR ELSTON SETTE, Honolulu, Hawaii as Junior Officer (Billet #0954, June 2004).

Spence, Luke J. from NMAO, NOAA Ship OREGON II to NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Pacific Fisheries Environmental Laboratory, Pacific Grove, California as Environmental Products Manager (Billet #2390, January 2005).

I. APPROVED ASSIGNMENT CHANGES (continued)

Ensign (continued)

Taylor, Jonathan E. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship GORDON GUNTER, Pascagoula, Mississippi as Junior Officer (Billet #0723, June 2004).

Wells, William I. from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, Marine Operations Center, NOAA Ship NANCY FOSTER, MOA-NF, Charleston, South Carolina as Junior Officer (Billet #0783, June 2004).

II. PROMOTIONS

Samuel P. De Bow, Jr.	RADM	08/02/04
Richard R. Behn	RADM	08/02/04

III. APPOINTMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVED RETIREMENTS

Timothy D. Tisch	CDR	10/01/04
John D. Wilder	CAPT	12/01/04
Robert W. Maxson	CAPT	01/01/05
Robert X. McCann, Jr.	CAPT	07/01/05

V. APPROVED RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS

Kevin J. Slover	LTJG	12/01/04
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VI. RETIREMENTS

David J. Tennesen	CAPT	05/04/04
Peter J. Celone	CDR	05/01/04
Michael R. Lemon	LCDR	05/01/04

VII. RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS

Paulene O. Roberts	LT	06/01/04
Kevin V. Werner	LT	06/14/04
Michael B. McCracken	ENS	06/30/04

VIII. OTHER CHANGES TO THE LINEAL LIST

None.

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